

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification beginning on page 14, line 7, as follows:

To prevent the above-described deterioration in performance of photostimulable phosphor particles due to moisture absorption, there have been heretofore proposed a method by the use of a titanate-type coupling agent (see, e.g., Japanese Patent Application Publication-Tokukouhei-2-278196) and a method by the use of silicone oil (see, e.g., Japanese Patent Application Publication-Tokukouhei-5-52919). However, none of these proposals led to fundamental solution.